

Memorandum

TO: Office of Central Inspection Permit and Plan Review Staff, Building Inspection Staff, and Plumbing/Mechanical Inspection Staff;
Public Works Engineering Permit and Plan Review Staff

FROM: Kurt A. Schroeder, Superintendent of Central Inspection
Jim Armour, Interim City Engineer

SUBJECT: OCI/Public Works Engineering Policy for Residential 1 & 2 Family
Exterior Storm Drain Piping/Lines

DATE: March 31, 2004

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to outline minimum installation guidelines and related Office of Central Inspection and/or Public Works/Engineering permitting requirements for both aboveground and underground storm water or sump pump piping/discharge for 1 & 2 family residential structures.

This Policy is developed with respect to the requirements set forth in City Code Title 10 (Streets and Sidewalks), Title 16 (Sewers, Sewage Disposal and Drains), and Title 18 (Building Code).

Policy Statement

Permits – When Not Required. City of Wichita permits are **NOT** required for the following outdoor storm water or *uncontaminated* sump pump piping/discharges for 1 & 2 family residential construction or use:

- Any drain pipe/discharge that is not placed or located within 7.5 feet of a public sidewalk.
- If no public sidewalk exists, any drain pipe/discharge that does not abut or lie within a public street right-of-way, and which is not closer than 10' to the back of any public street curb.
- Any drain pipe/discharge that is not placed or located within 5 feet of a rear private property line.
- Any drain pipe/discharge that is not placed or located within 2 feet of a side private property line and does not project discharged water across a property line.
- Any drain pipe/discharge that is not connected to a public storm sewer line, inlet or box.
- Any drain pipe/discharge that is not placed or located in a *publicly maintained* drainage way, ditch or culvert. **NOTE:** The installation of private storm drainage lines within a public easement (except to use the utility) is discouraged so as not to encumber the easement. Installation of such private drain lines, sprinkler heads, fences, flower beds, rock gardens, etc. within a public easement are subject to removal at the property owner's expense in the event a public utility repair or replacement is necessary.

Permits – When Required. City of Wichita permits shall be required for the following:

- If storm water drainpipe/discharge extends through a public street curb (sump pump pipe/discharge is not permitted), but not directly into a City storm sewer line, drain, inlet or box, a “Curb Cut Permit” must be obtained from the Public Works Engineering Office. A City of Wichita licensed cement contractor must obtain such curb cut permit that has a current fee of \$70. The contractor must submit a drawing or site plan with the request for the permit.
- If storm water drainpipe/discharge extends to and connects to a City storm line, drain, inlet or box, an OCI Storm Sewer Permit, ***issued to a licensed drain layer or plumber***, must be obtained from OCI. In this circumstance, OCI will obtain any required drawings for the permit review/issuance, and will route the permit application for appropriate reviews and approvals to Public Works Engineering and Storm Water Management staff, and will also request/obtain Compliance Certificate (as is presently done).

Because an OCI Storm Sewer Permit must be obtained in this circumstance, OCI plumbing/sewer inspection staff will inspect the piping and connection/s for installation and code compliance.

If this connection to the storm water inlet is in public right-of-way, the contractor will be required to obtain a “Dirt or Pavement Cut” permit from Public Works Engineering. The current fee for a dirt cut permit is \$35. If sidewalk or pavement is required to be removed during installation of pipe, a pavement cut permit with a current fee of \$70 is required to be obtained, and the City’s contractor will make the permanent repair with the costs being billed to the plumbing/sewer contractor.

NOTE: *This Policy affects 1 & two-family construction only. The procedures for commercial exterior storm drain piping/lines (any construction other than 1&2 family) are not affected by this Policy.*

General questions about policies/procedures for either 1&2 family construction or commercial construction may be directed to the Office of Central Inspection Sewer Desk, 268-4341.

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